

GOET'S CORNER.

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN INFANT.

"Though the dew-drop bright
To our waking sight
For a moment is only given,
Yet 'tis sweet to know
That when lost below,
It ascends to its home in heaven."

How My Baby Comforted Me.

It was only a moment's smile—only a passing glance from a soul just hovering on the borders of that land from which no words of cheer from human life have ever come, and yet it was to my soul almost as a message from the dead, and left a memory that will not fade away. For many hours I had held my dying baby in my arms. Not from any thought of further recognition, for we had not deemed possible, but simply from a mother's uncontrollable longing to have her child close, close to her in its sorest need. Hours before, the light had died from his eyes, and death's rigidity had sealed his lips. So, I sat clasping him, with what thoughts none can know save those to whom God has given the same cup to drink. I had not prayed that he might live, I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe His love is wiser and tenderer than mine, even for my own child. I believe in the richness and fullness of the eternal life, and that they who go thither when the Father calls them, suffer no loss, but gather infinite gain, even if they go as infants away from all the unfulfilled possibilities of life. And so, because I loved him better than myself—as mothers do their babies—I had not asked God to leave him here with me. I had said "Thy will, not mine. I had given him up, and was bearing him in sore pain into death, wishing most of all that it might soon end in his new life. Suddenly, as we watched his failing breath, with bated breath ourselves, a wondrous change came over the fixed eyes, and set lips. Back from the realms of death came the almost vanished soul. Almost as if responding to the longing love of the heart on which it lay, back full consciousness came my baby's soul. The veil of death lifted from his eyes—every feature fell into its old repose. His eyes, deep, solemn, and beautiful as never before, and filled with an inexpressible love rested full on mine. A moment filled with exquisite rapture, and with a similar consciousness of soul, and then a low, and perfect smile—one having no trace of the fearful suffering he had borne—no shade of sorrow nor pain—a smile almost as if from eyes and lips already glorified—a smile that seemed to me to say: Be patient, be strong, there is no ceasing of love where I stand, nor where I am going. I return from Death to you, a moment with my heart full as ever of the deepest human love. Again I go down into, and now through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, but I shall not forget this time either. Go yet your way, and I will mine, and very soon we shall meet again, where I will greet your home-coming, as before you greeted mine.

Do you ask what my soul heard in response? Ask the mothers whose hearts have been made strong in other years, by memories as sacred as this, who have lived their words of consecration. I only know that peace and rest, and thanksgiving from his mother's heart, went with my baby, down through the darkening hours which fell at once, and left no further sign. I know, buried as he is from my sight, he is not dead, but living, living still; and that I shall yet find him again, if in patience, strength and faith I follow on.

Bloomfield, Oct. 10, 1872. *Two Quoits.*

OUR CARCANET.

"By means of friendship the absent are present; the needy abound; the imbecile are strong; and what is most difficult to believe, the dead live."—*Cicero.*

"A VIRTUOUS deed should never be delayed. The impulse comes from heaven; and he who strives

A moment to repress it, disobeys

The god within his mind."—*Doge.*

CHRISTIANITY teaches the endurance of misfortune; it encourages its votaries to triumph in adversity, and inspires the soul with joy in the hour of affliction.

HUMAN policy never fixed one end of a chain round the ankle of a slave, but divine justice rivets the other round the neck of his tyrant.

"TRUE magnanimity does not consist in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."—*Goldsmith.*

"WHILE all is not lost, all is ultimately retrieved."—*Canning.*

AFTER DINNER.

Was William Penn's pocket handkerchief the original pen wiper?

Is a taper and a quart of whisky left together, which would be drunk first?

Snigolay says that the most thrilling tale he ever listened to was that of a rattlesnake.

"HAVE you heard my last speech?" asked a political haranguer of a wit. "I hope so," was the reply.

"I CAME near selling my boots the other day," said John to a friend. "How so?" "Well, I had them half soled."

A PARTY on seeing a pencil sketch of the battle of Waterloo, said it was a drawn battle. We always thought it had been one.

"Wise," said a man, looking for his boot-jack, "I have places where I keep my things, and you ought to know it." "Yes, I ought to know where you keep your last hours, but I don't."

FOUR SEASONS—Pepper, Salt, Vinegar and Mustard.

WHAT is that which has a mouth and never speaks, and a bed in which it never sleeps? A river.

A LOVING swain in Maine dedicated a napkin ring "To my almost wife."

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